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SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO REFORM PROBATION DEPARTMENT

LOS ANGELES – "The Probation Department needs to be cleaned up immediately and our community should not have to put up with any more failures in their responsibilities for our youth," Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas said today.

"We are still suffering the consequences of a breakdown in departmental discipline. Problem employees remain in the Department because they were not dismissed when they should have been and the situation has become intolerable," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas added.

"This week we acknowledged the many accomplishments and good work of many probation officers. But problem employees must be put on notice – we have had enough. The leadership of the Department has been replaced and the new Department head knows he must move swiftly and forcefully to turn the Department around. The time for corrective action is now."

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